India's trade with African countries

758. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's trade with African countries has shown an upward trend during the last one year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The following statement indicates India's trade with African countries:

(*Rs in crores*)

Year	Exports	Imports
1983-84* (April-December, 83)	289.93	279.02
(April-December, 84)	261.83	282.54

*Provisional.

News item captioned "India's export growth prospects good"

759. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "India's export growth prospects good" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 19th June, 1985; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government have taken during the last three months to increase the export trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Government have seen the news items captioned "India's export growth prospects good" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' of 19th June, 1985, which reports, apparently the personal views of Mr. Robert McNamara, former President of the World Bank

(b) Policy measures are being continuously evolved by the Government for increasing India's exports. The Import and Export Policy announced recently in April, 1985 for a period of 3 years from April, 1985 to March, 1988 has been formulated to be given a major thrust to exports as well as encourage efficient import substitution.

Steps are also being taken to intensify export promotion activities and commercial publicity in important markets like USA, France etc. to increase our exports of traditional as well as non-traditional products.

Circulation of counterfeit currency notes

760. SHRI J. K. JAIN:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information with regard to the existence of fake and counterfeit currency notes presently in circulation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to curb their circulation;

(d) whether any raids were conducted during the last one year to detect the manufacture of counterfeit currency notes; and

(e) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement giving de-

tails of counterfeit currency notes recovered/seized during 1983, 1984 and 1985 (upto 30-6-1985) as available with the C.B.I. is enclosed.

(c) to (e) On receipt of reports of detection/circulation of counterfeit currency notes, prompt action is taken by the States/Union Territories police authorities and C.B.I. for seizure and investigation. During the course of investigation of two cases in Jullundur and Maldah, CBI conducted house searches of a number of individuals in those places. In the first case, nothing incriminating either in the form of counterfeit currency notes or documents was found. In the second case although no seizure of counterfeit currency notes was made, some documents were stated to have been recovered.

Statement

Details of counterfeit currency notes recovered/seized during 1983, 1984 *and* 1985 (*up to* 30-6-1985)

	Denomination	Total number of counterfeit currency notes recovered/		
		During the year 1983	During the year 1984*	seized During the year 1985 * (upto 30-6-1985)
Counterfeit currency notes seized by the States/Union Territories' Police	Rs. 100	107429	26255	4368
	Rs. 50	536	3062	1971
	Rs. 20	1972	659	3495
	Rs. 10	2757	1133	1145
	Rs. 5	63	164	14
	Rs. 2	158	141	50
	Re. 1	32	21	—
	TOTAL	112947	31435	1104 3

*The data in respect of the years 1984 and 1985 is liable to be changed on receipt of Annual Reviews from States Union Territories.

Counterfeit currency notes figure in cases investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation	Rs. 100	933	359	9
	Rs. 10	220	—	—
	TOTAL :	1153	359	9

Grant of loans under DRI scheme by the nationalised banks

761. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the Government's consideration to grant loans under the Differential Rate of Interest Scheme to the retired Central Government employees who wish to purchase vehicles for public transport purposes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.